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Long Island Sound Protection Bill Cosponsored by Rep. Giuliano Gets Final Legislative Approval



Legislation cosponsored by state Representative Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, that would encourage cooperation between Connecticut and New York to protect and preserve Long Island Sound received final legislative approval Thursday by the state House of Representatives.

The legislation (Senate Bill 637) would replace the Connecticut-New York Bi-State Long Island Marine Resources Committee with the Bi-State Long Island Sound Committee. The new committee would recommend legislation to avoid, minimize or mitigate any negative effects that could stem from proposals for the industrialization or private use of the Sound's natural resources, Representative Giuliano said.

"The new Bi-State Long Island Sound Committee this measure would establish will help ensure that both Connecticut and New York work together in developing legislative proposals to preserve and protect the Sound's fisheries, aquatic habitats and recreational assets," Representative Giuliano said.

"Long Island Sound's shoreline communities have experienced significant commercial, industrial and residential growth over the past few decades, some of which has negatively affected the Sound's ecological health and threatened the future of its fisheries and recreational areas," Representative Giuliano said. "Connecticut and New York need to work more closely together to provide for the long-term protection and restoration of Long Island Sound. This legislation will help us to achieve that goal."

The measure, which was approved by the state Senate May 18th, was sent to Governor M. Jodi Rell to be signed into law.